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Shape of the Future

The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life.

Time present and time past are both perhaps present in time future, and time future contained in time past.



The times change and we change with them.

The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, where he is.

I know no way of judging of the future but by the past.

You can never plan the future by the past. (?)

The future is important to everyone, and with this year-book we hope to remember the past, to be able to better the shape of the future.

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Administration Shapes



Dr. Hugh Kariger, Principal of Portage Junior High School, heads the administrative staff.

Just sitting in the classroom, the average student probably doesn't realize that without the administration, Portage wouldn't be able to function.

Dr. Kariger, who has been principal here since the school opened twelve years ago, has shaped Portage by helping students and providing effective guidance in school policies.

Mr. Middleton, once a teacher here, later returned to become assistant principal and help shape the future of Portage.

Besides these two men, there are also many other people who help to make Portage the fine place we feel it to be. The secretaries, the nurse, the counselors, and other office people all contribute their share to guaranteeing that the future of Portage Junior High School is a bright one.



Mr. Floyd Middleton, assistant principal, provides administrative leadership.

Life at Portage



Mr. Bell watches over the cafeteria during the four lunch periods.



Mrs. Simmons performs secretarial duties in the office.



Mrs. Scott, office secretary, also keeps the complicated financial records.



Helping students with personal problems and class schedules keeps Mrs. Pugsley busy.



Besides aiding in counseling, Mr. Cira also helps students with schedules and class changes.



Mrs. Collins keeps records of attendance and does other office work.



Helping students with speech difficulties is how speech therapist Miss Grant spends her days.



CUSTODIANS (left to right) — A. Boese, C. Haas, K. Kroeber, C. Ramer, H. Linnemeyer.

COOKS (left to right) — Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Swihart, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Gaham, Mrs. Snyder (cafeteria manager).

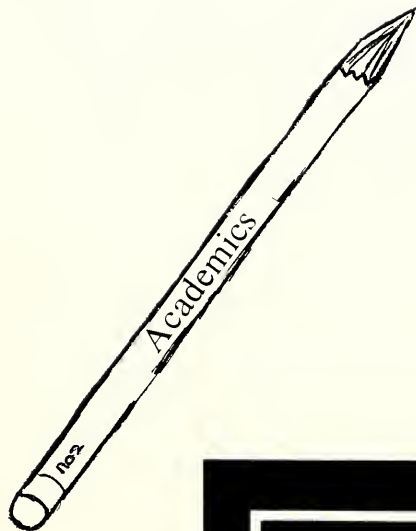
Cooks, Custodians, and Volunteers Help School Run Smoothly

Large group of cafeteria workers are needed to help serve daily lunches quickly and efficiently.



The cooks and custodians provided a valuable service to the Rams this year. The custodians worked hard each day to maintain our school. The cooks slaved over hot stoves daily to feed hungry Rams. The cafeteria workers gave up part of their lunch period to help the cooks. Without these people, the school couldn't have run smoothly.

Shape of:





Dwight Alvis
Drafting
Electricity



Max Amstutz
Biology
Phys. Ed.



Jerry Anderson
Special Ed.



Jack Berg
Social Studies



Dorothy Bishop
Phys. Ed.



Elizabeth Boggess
Language Arts



Virginia Bowers
Home Ec.



James Brown
Science



Marilyn Buchanan
Instr. Music



Ruth DeHaven
Art



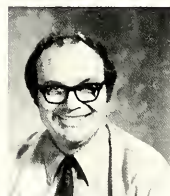
Robert Denny
Mathematics



David Desper
Mathematics



David Didier
English
Latin



John Edwards
Social Studies



Karen Egley
Mathematics
Health



Don Gebhard
Typing



Anita Heins
Language Arts



Jane Hoylman
English
Publications



Sherry Johnson
Mathematics
Phys. Ed.



Pat LaFontaine
English
French

Teachers Prepare Students for Future



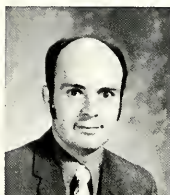
Chris Lindley
Mathematics
Social Studies



Neal McKeeman
Mathematics



Mildred Meese
Vocal Music



Charles Murry
Science



Don Parlette
Instr. Music



Tom Pearson
Science
Health



Don Reynolds
English



Don Schaffer
Phys. Ed.
Health



John Septer
Language Arts



Richard Shepherd
Social Studies
General Business



Sue Simler
Mathematics



Barbara Stahl
Science



Norma Sterling
History



Dan Tannas
English



Isabel Warfel
English
Spanish



Vern Werking
Science
Audio/Visual



Alton White
Shop



Jeanette Wilson
Home Ec.

Rams in varsity orchestra practiced hard to improve their musical skills. The orchestra performed for many programs during the year, but the favorites were usually the Christmas program and the Spring Concert. The orchestra also participated in the NISBOVA contest and did a good job.



The camera finds band members off guard.

Instrumentalists Keep of



What beat are you directing now, Mr. Parlette?





Varsity Orchestra



Mr. Parlette explains advanced orchestra technique.

Up With Changing Forms Music



Varsity Band



Ram band members go into action at a basketball game.

Mr. Parlette conducted the band with successful results this year. Throughout the year, the band performed at the Christmas program, Winter Concert, and the Spring Concert. Many members of the group participated in NIS-BOVA contests, either in ensembles or as soloists, and came up with good ratings.

Musicians Shape Skills



Varsity Choir shapes up vocal activities. Officers for the year were S. Underwood, K. Zakhi, D. Stinson, S. Elkins, B. Goldsby, and S. Hinton.



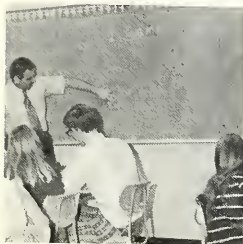
Musical Rams participate in State Band.

The choirs and Stageband had a successful year. The choir members participated in Nisbova and came up with good ratings. The Stageband performed in it's own Nisbova contest and received a second rating. Each group performed for school events, such as the Christmas concert, Spring concert and others. All the Rams in these groups worked on improving their basic and advanced skills in music. Each group had favorite sections that they liked to perform.

Cadet Choir members post with Mrs. Meese. Officers in chairs, left to right, are M. Miller, R. Wagnor, A. Belcher, D. Pelz, B. Miles, R. Chavez, G. Bonifas, L. Collier, C. Moore, D. Lindeman.



Rams Look into the Past and Future With History and Math



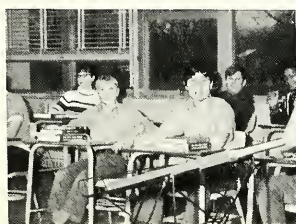
Freshmen Rams look on as Mr. Denny explains how to solve an equation.



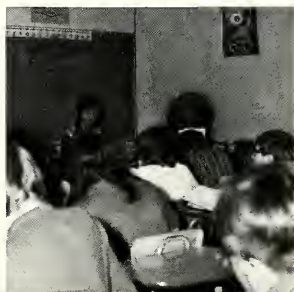
Mr. Berg and class discuss opinions on U.S. history.



Mr. Denny chats with seventh grader Frank Hackett during math study period.



The camera catches seventh grade Rams while they think about geography in Mr. Edwards' class.



Baby Rams work hard on their assignments while Miss Lindley looks on.

Seventh and eighth graders have learned many facts about geography and history, as well as advancing their knowledge in mathematics. Their teachers led them in group discussions and the students had fun working on special projects.

Ninth graders worked on improving their algebra skills this year. They worked mostly on solving equations and organizing story problems.

All in all, the shape of the future became a little clearer as social studies and mathematical skills were examined.



These seventh grade geography students are busy... posing for the photographer.

Shop and Home Ec Improve Skills



Eighth graders learn the techniques of making their own clothes.



Taping the sides of cardboard houses proves strenuous work for these ninth grade girls.



Melita Krieger shows proper steps in laying out a skirt pattern.



Home ec girls make gingerbread houses for the Christmas Holidays.



Eighth graders not only learn to work with wood and metal, but also basic electricity.



These gingerbread houses are done just in time for the holidays.

Home ec classes tried their hands at making their own clothes. Eighth graders were required to make a skirt, while ninth graders were able to make a T-shirt and a dress. While cooking, the girls prepared different meals and snacks.

Shop students spent the year working on projects. They were able to make objects that would be useful in the home, such as book racks, memo pads, lamp bases, etc.

Students finish their projects during shop class.

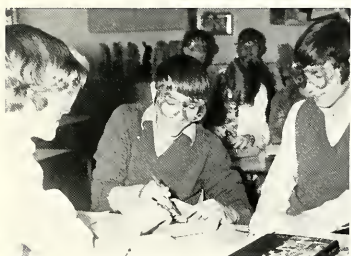


Eighth graders work on perfect dimensions in drafting class.



Ted Jenkins and Terry Weaver start working on projects at the foundry.

Phys Ed. Sciences Prepare for Future



Dissection of the frog is great fun for Steve LeMaster, Dave Rinehart, and Dave Silletto.



Insect catching fills many happy (?) hours which lead to this result.



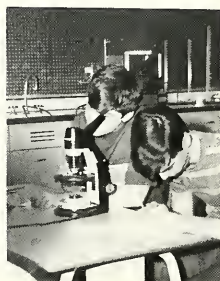
Sandy Smith observes protozoans in Biology class.



Students listen carefully as Mr. Amstutz talks about frog dissection.



Mike Clark examines the internal structures of the clam.



John Seabold and Mark Spears eye moving ameba and paramecium.



A jump ball leads to exciting moments in this gym class game.



This eighth grader shows perfect form for doing a handstand in gym class.

Biology students learned the life cycles of insects and animals. Science classes spent the year studying chemical reactions, stars, and earth sciences.

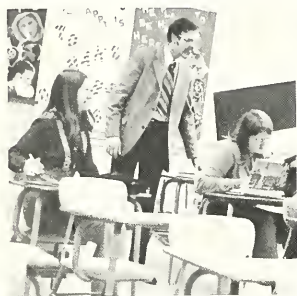
Physical education classes worked on basketball, volleyball, and track. Both the boys and girls worked on the equipment which consists of the balance beam, the uneven parallel bars, and the horse.



Working with the medicine ball is not only fun, but is also good exercise.

Rams Show Interest in Language Classes

Mr. Didier looks on as Latin students Linda Markey tries to translate the paragraph.



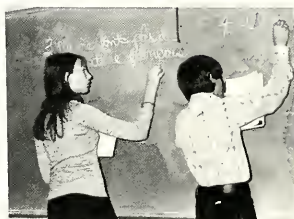
English classes in all grades and language classes in the 9th grade were kept busy reading novels and studying plays. They increased their knowledge of different countries, authors, and poets by making notebooks and writing reports. The 7th and 8th grade students enjoyed the spelling bee competition, while all the grades had the opportunity to compete in the Lions Club speech contest held in April.



Bulletin boards done by ninth graders help decorate halls and classrooms.



Seventh grade English student puts everything he has into play.



Ils parlent Francais.
(They speak French.)



Freshmen take a break after working strenuously on their literature.

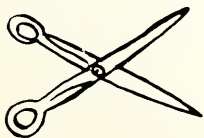
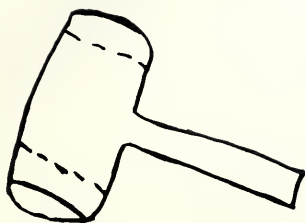


Mike Mills gives undivided attention to Mrs. Warefel in seventh grade English.

Seventh grader Dave Kessel tries to scare photographer away as he snaps this classroom photograph.



SHAPE OF: ACTIVITIES



Students Join in Service



STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES - left to right (seated), Mrs. Pugsley secretary C. Stanley, president E. Peters, vice president G. Hershberger, Mr. Cira; (standing) 1st row, B. Litchin, D. Evans, T. Huntley, B. Russell, B. Harman, L. Novitsky, R. Fahlsing, T. Cross, T. Parrish; 2nd row, C. Harriss, L. Kelley, M. Johnson, P. Prader, V. Humbarger, S. Morgan, P. Ress, M. Gaskins, P. Gutman, M. Arnold, D. Paris, D. Peters, C. Jenkins.

These Rams were this year's organization for serving the school and fellow classmates. They were all chosen by votes from the respective students in their homerooms. The Student Council President, Vice President, Mr. Cira, and Mrs. Pugsley led in decisions for the school, along with the cooperation of the Representatives and Alternates. This year's Student Council gift was our school mascot painted in the center of the gym floor.



STUDENT COUNCIL ALTERNATES - left to right (seated), Mrs. Pugsley, C. Stanley, E. Peters, G. Hershberger, Mr. Cira; (standing) 1st ROW, M. Hunt, R. Chavez, B. Miles, C. Baker, T. Hoffman, K. Heiney. 2nd ROW, P. Duffy, I. Frankenstein, C. Stackhouse, L. Newhart, C. Chase, P. Schrader, C. Todoran, T. Chase; 3rd ROW, B. Barber, M. Hunter, A. Gensic, M. Magers, V. Humbarger, W. Keim, C. Mills; 4th ROW, B. Windom, E. Starks, R. Martin, J. Sills.



Mrs. Carol Patten smiles over the shoulders of Portage office workers, left to right, T. Anderson, D. Essex, D. Williams, B. Windom, P. Worman, C. Hough. Not pictured are B. Carrion, E. Hayes, and W. Cole.



Members of the library club provide invaluable assistance to Mrs. Radatz and Mrs. Ditwiler in making the Portage library run smoothly and efficiently.



The Banking Club conducts business weekly, with volunteer workers C. Black (standing left) and V. Holman (center). Not pictured is D. Moore.

Clubs Take Shape

ART CLUB — (seated) B. Both, M. Moore, D. Kory, P. Hyde; (standing) K. Young, A. Pape, S. Hackett, R. Kellaris, Mrs. DeHaven; 3rd row, M. Kelly, M. Oswalt, K. Cornelius, D. Klosterman; top, G. Gouty, M. O'Keefe, M. Magers.

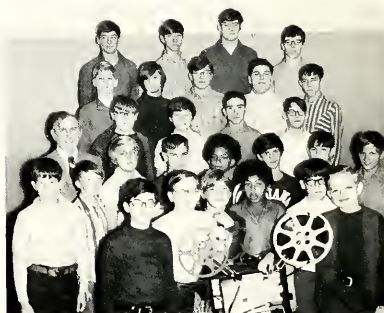


Many creative minds existed at Portage, plotting the shape of the future. They helped, worked, learned, and had a good time in general.

The Art Club met during period 5b in Room 254. Mrs. DeHaven supervised creative activity during the year, as the students worked with burlap, acrylics, felt, and other materials.

Mr. Werking kept his crew busy as the Audio-Visual Club performed the duties of running projectors, setting up lights, and operating public address systems for various programs. Room 101 housed this year's Typing Club, a group which met to learn basic fingering and typing techniques with Mr. Gebhard as their adviser.

AUDIO-VISUAL CLUB — gathered around their advisor, Mr. Vern Werking, are members of A/V Club which met weekly for instruction.



TYPING CLUB — with Mr. Gebhard (front left in picture) are seventh and eighth graders who met weekly to learn typing fundamentals in preparation for future class work.

to Form New Skills



Members of the two combined knitting clubs pose with Mrs. Bowers (left), who was assisted by Mrs. Simler (right). Not shown is Miss Lindley, who also sponsored a club.



CHEF'S CLUB — (seated) G. Baker, G. Huber, M. Spears, D. Alvarez, T. Jenkins; (standing) B. Cross, T. Weaver, B. Buschey, D. Paris, G. Hershberger, E. Peters, R. Rifkin, S. Sanders, K. Darby, M. Duray, Mrs. Wilson.



Chefs T. Weaver, K. Darby, and B. Buschey ponder the results of their cookie-making venture.



junior cooking club — (clockwise from lower left) L. Suter, P. Langston, Mrs. Wilson, R. Dixie, C. Miller, L. Lambert.

Members of the Knitting Club (top picture) were kept busy as they knitted many items of practical use. The club had two sections, beginners and advanced. The newcomers were led by Mrs. Bowers, and the old pros by Miss Lindley (not pictured) and Mrs. Simler.

Mrs. Wilson had her hands full as she headed the chefs Club and the Junior Cooking/Club, both of whom learned fundamentals of cooking and tried their luck on a few delicious experiments with new recipes.

Singers and Instrumentalists Bring



Eighth grade vocalists combine their voices to perform at concerts and talent shows.



Ensembles composed of seventh and ninth graders lend their voices to harmony and blending.

Soloists provide extra entertainment at school functions.



Back Many Firsts From NISBOVA



String ensembles perfect their techniques for NISBOVA competition.

The Portage music department was very well represented at NISBOVA this year. New vocalists added extra harmony when the Portage singers brought back 13 firsts, 10 seconds, and only two thirds.

The instrumental portion did just as well in their NISBOVA competition. Altogether there were 18 firsts, 11 seconds, and three thirds. This was one of the best years in Portage history for the annual entry into Northeastern Indiana School Band, Orchestra and Vocal Association competition.



Instrumental ensembles take time from the band and orchestra to prepare music for a performance.



Ben Both, Joe Langmeyer, and Gary Baker perform the number they entered in NISBOVA.



Instrumental soloists work hard to improve their techniques for concerts and talent shows.

Rams Benefit from Chess,



Mr. Brown's CHESS CLUB met regularly on Wednesdays during 5B homeroom.

Chess proved to be such a popular pastime at Portage this year that three clubs were formed. They were geared for beginners, learning the basic moves and strategy under the direction of Mr. Septer, and advanced players, directed by Mr. Brown and Mr. Anderson. These interested students had weekly competitions.



Mr. Anderson directed the CHESS CLUB which met on Wednesdays during 4B homeroom.

Mr. Septer headed up the seventh and eighth grade CHESS CLUB which convened on Wednesdays during 5A homeroom.



Language and Reading Skills

Rams had different tastes in their choices of clubs, as was observed by the foreign language groups — French, Spanish, and German — as well as a displayed interest in improving reading skills. These Portage students joined weekly with their various instructors for advancement in their elective fields.



Miss LaFontaine's FRENCH CLUB met each Monday.



Mrs. Heins taught reading skills to her READING CLUB during weekly meetings.



GERMAN CLUB was directed by Mrs. Boggess in learning German customs, language and song.

The SPANISH CLUB, sponsored by Mrs. Warfel, enjoyed films, records, and pictures during its study of the Spanish culture.



Publications Changes With Future

Changes added a new perspective to the shape of life at Portage, and the PORT-ARAMA staff also changed with the redistricting. The staff found it challenging to produce a memorable yearbook for new, as well as former, students.

The PACKET staff changed many old standards for newer features and presented Portage with eight well-rounded issues of a paper that covered all phases of school life.



YEARBOOK STAFF (left to right) — FRONT, chief photographer S. Morgan, co-editor N. Ranev, co-editor H. Miller, copy editor L. Markey, business manager R. Rifkin; BACK, J. Seabold, G. Huber, S. Sanders, B. Cross, advisor Mrs. Hoylman, G. Hershberger, E. Peters. Not pictured — layout editor M. Oswalt.

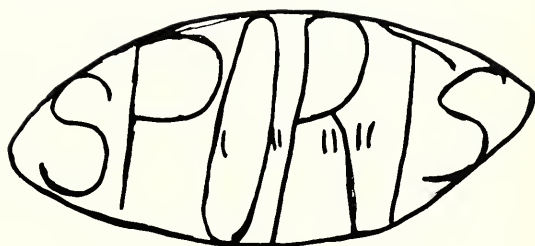


NEWSPAPER STAFF (left to right) — FRONT, S. Morgan, chief photographer; S. Sanders, sports editor; E. Peters, editor-in-chief; J. Seabold, feature editor; P. Prader, news editor; BACK, C. Hough, W. Keim, A. Gensie, B. Both, B. Cross, G. Huber, M. Arnold, Mrs. Hoylman, R. Rifkin, G. Hershberger, M. Zacher, M. Starks, S. Parker, M. Kelly.

JOURNALISM CLUB (left to right) — FRONT, P. Norton, T. Chase, N. Beadie, J. Grose; 2ND, J. Mabe, J. Dowling, C. Bolinger, C. Fishman, C. Chase, B. Templeton, Mrs. Hoylman; 3rd, L. Novitsky, T. French, T. Cross, K. Stephenson; 4TH, S. Wolever, B. Harman, B. Litchin, C. Kratzert, L. Newhart, K. Marciniak, A. Watters; BACK, D. Whipp, K. Auer, M. Tyler, D. Hermes, K. Litchin, P. Gutman, M. Gaskins, S. Stewart.



Shape of:



Schaffer's Smashers Tie Northwood for City



NINTH GRADE — BOTTOM (left to right), T. Belcher, J. Chase, D. Jackson, G. Huber, D. Cutigni, G. Hoover, D. Mudd; **SECOND**, J. Mabce, B. Hoy, G. Hershberger, M. Spears, C. Underwood, J. Klimkofski, D. Williams, B. Windom; **THIRD** M. Felger, T. Tracy, J. Langmeyer; V. Torrez, D. Rinehart, E. Peters, J. Allen, W. Cole, D. Georgi; **BACK**, Coach Bo Denny, D. Paris, managers T. Jenkins and J. Theye, Coach D. Schaffer.

This year the Portage varsity football squad made school history three times in a most successful season.

First of all, this year's Rams outscored every team in Portage's past for one game. This happened the last game of the season when the mighty varsity smashed the Franklin Chiefs 56-0.

The second famous first occurred when the Raging Rams won their fourth game straight. No other Portage team had won more than three games in a row. The varsity squad rolled on to two more victories to end the season with a perfect 6-0 record.

The last feat of the season was a slight disappointment to the members of the team, The Northwood Cardinals had a perfect season also. The majority of FWCS junior highs voted not to have a championship playoff so the varsity Rams ended the season with the title of City Co-champions.



Co-Captains Bobby Windom and Ed Peters



Most Valuable Offense—Curtis Underwood



Most Valuable Defense—Ed Peters



Don Williams makes a Portage touchdown which will lead to victory.



Fans gather at a home game to edge Rams on to victory.

SCOREBOARD — 9th

RAMS	OPPONENT
9/30 — 20	Jefferson 0
10/7 — 28	Geyer 0
10/14 — 16	Fairfield 8
10/21 — 48	Miami 0
10/28 — 14	Lane 6
11/3 — 54	Franklin 0

Champs; 7th Wins 3 and Loses 1

8th SCOREBOARD



RAMS	OPPONENT
9/29 — 12	Jefferson 22
10/6 — 0	Geyer 18
10/13 — 8	Fairfield 8
10/20 — 14	Franklin 50
10/27 — 14	Lane 42

EIGHTH GRADE — **BOTTOM** (left to right), B. Edwards (mgr), P. Harvey, G. Murphy, G. Ryder, S. Cook, M. Johnson, D. Landrigan, P. Freeman, Coach N. McKeeman; **SECOND**, S. Leeper, K. Gaskill, P. Frebel, D. Chrzan, P. Gutman, T. Chase, M. Finken, A. Norton; **THIRD**, G. Parrish, A. Green, K. Litchin, M. Hershberger, D. Richey, D. Kusak, G. Stevens, G. Allen; **BACK**, J. Sills, B. Miller, R. George, G. Shepherd, R. Coe, K. Fadus, R. Watters.

The eighth grade football team had a disappointing season this year due to many injuries. The team coached by Neal McKeeman lost four and tied one.

The seventh grade, however, had a great season, scoring a total of 60 points and holding their opponents to 10 points including two shutouts. The Portage offense was only held scoreless once, in the last game with Miami, played in ankle-deep mud. The team finished the season with a record of three wins and one loss.



Terry Smith
Honorary
Captain



Anthony Green
Most Valuable
Player



Greg Shepherd
Most Valuable
Lineman



It isn't just luck, but hard work that leads to a city championship.



SEVENTH GRADE — **FRONT** (left to right), R. Culpepper, D. Kessel, D. Pelz, S. Vaughn, R. Bloemker, A. Wilson, K. Coker, T. Horne, D. Raney, D. Culpepper, B. Miles; **MIDDLE**, T. Haines, T. Ornas, T. Osborne, J. Green, T. Cross, E. Starks, M. Curry, B. Boussom, J. Cady, D. Lindeman, J. Grose; **BACK**, M. Rush, J. Gensic, S. Sims, D. Miller, T. Beck, D. Peters, B. Russell, C. Strawbridge, M. Yeiter, B. Curtis, V. Veale, K. Stevenson (Mgr), Coach D. Reynolds.

7th SCOREBOARD

RAMS	OPPONENT
10/1 — 28	Franklin 0
10/8 — 26	Kerionga 0
10/15 — 6	Fairfield 2
10/22 — 0	Miami 8





NINTH GRADE — FRONT (left to right) J. Theye (manager), M. Landrigan, G. Hershberger, B. Windom, C. Underwood, B. Wattle, K. Stevenson (manager); BACK, W. Cole, E. Peters, D. Georgi, M. Arnold, D. Baker, D. Williams, Coach N. McKeeman.

This year's varsity Rams had a very good season, winning eight and losing only four in regular season play. High scorers for the varsity were Don Williams and Willie Cole.

Eighth graders had a disappointing season with an uninspired record of one win and seven losses. The outstanding team for Portage this year was the seventh grade. This year's Baby Rams galloped to a city championship with a 6 and 0 record. They won all their games easily, and gave Portage's shape of the future a promising form indeed.



Basketball



RAMS

11/22 — 41
12/2 — 47
12/9 — 56
12/14 — 64
12/16 — 47
12/21 — 46
1/6 — 55
1/13 — 55
1/20 — 50
1/27 — 38
2/1 — 38
2/3 — 48
2/8 — 46

OPPONENTS

Jefferson 35
Lane 44
Northwood 43
C. Catholic 42
Snider 44
Fairfield 37
Geyer 57
Lakeside 53
Miami 31
B. Luers 37
Kekionga 58
Franklin 44
Kekionga 58
(tournament)





EIGHTH GRADE — FRONT (left to right) P. Gutman, M. Johnson, T. Underwood, J. Williams, D. Chamberlain, A. Green; BACK, Coach D. Desper, M. Hershberger, D. Kusak, K. Litchin, C. Roth, R. Georgi, D. Chrzan, T. Smith, K. Gaskil, J. Merz and J. Sills (managers).



SCOREBOARD — 8th

RAMS	OPPONENTS
11/23 — 30	Jefferson 55
12/2 — 38	Lane 45
12/9 — 29	Northwood 31
12/16 — 51	Shawnee 34
12/21 — 49	Fairfield 51
1/6 — 45	Geyer 48
1/18 — 29	Lakeside 38
1/20 — 45	Miami 53

SCOREBOARD — 7th

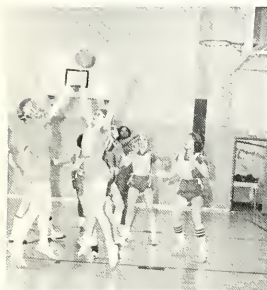
12/10 — 43	Geyer 38
12/17 — 54	Northwood 25
1/7 — 49	Franklin 28
1/14 — 48	Miami 36
1/21 — 65	Fairfield 31
1/24 — 59	Lane 28

Future Hopeful



SEVENTH GRADE — FRONT (left to right) B. Boussum, A. Belcher, B. Russell, H. Sims, C. Strawbridge, K. Coker; BACK, K. Stephenson (manager), Coach D. Desper, R. Culpepper, J. Stengel, T. Beck, E. Starks, R. Weber, D. Peters, T. Haines, D. Pelz, D. Culpepper, Coach N. McKeeman.

Rams Active in Spring Sports



The ninth grade girls basketball team enjoyed interschool competition. Members were chosen from intramurals groups, and played five games. They ended their season with a 3-2 record.

Mrs. Bishop coached the team, which was managed by Leslie Rayer. On the team were Sally Hinton, Marty Kelly, Kathy Mays, Debbie Klosterman, Annette Bostic, Nancy Raney, Alice Fuller, Maureen Magers, Sarah Underwood, and Cindy Krouse.

Both ninth grade girls and boys enjoyed playing volleyball. Each intramurals group had teams, from which members of the school teams were chosen to play other schools during a very abbreviated season.

On the girls' volleyball extramural team were Sally Hinton, Marty Kelly, Avonn Harris, Kathy Mays, Nancy Raney, Sandy Elkins, Annette Bostic, Val Humbarger, Vic Humbarger, Debbie Stinson, Bonnie Carrion, and Debbie Klosterman.

On the boys' ninth grade team were Derek Paris, Reggie Hill, Darryl Jackson, Don Baker, Mark Spears, Willie Cole, Gary Baker, and Greg Hershberger. The team placed second on the city, losing to Lakeside in the final game.

Eighth grade volleyball team members were Mark Hershberger, Terry Smith, Phil Gutman, Denny Kirkland, Dan Landrigan, Mike Johnson, Dave Chamberlain, Dave Chrzan, and Kent Litchin.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

RAMS	OPPONENT	
27	Fairfield	15
29	Kekionga	9
19	Franklin	14
27	Lakeside	36
16	Lane	27



Cross Country and Wrestling

Shape of athletics

Portage's ninth grade cross country team finished the season with 5 second places, one first, and a fifth place in the city meet. Two runners, M. Arnold and G. Baker, finished in the top ten.

The seventh and eighth grade ended the season with one first, one second, two thirds, and a third place finish in the city, with G. Grose the only eighth grader in the top ten.

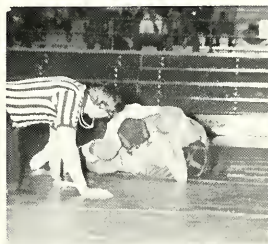
Portage's varsity wrestlers finished the season with five wins, three losses, and one tie. Our wrestlers had a good showing in the city meet, with Walter Brown a new city champ in the 145 pound weight class. Gary Baker and Reggie Hill took second, Dave Cutigni third, and Greg Hoover fourth.



9TH CROSS COUNTRY — FRONT, G. Baker, C. Simmerman, B. Wattley; BACK, Coach D. Desper, J. Cline, M. Arnold, M. Clark, D. Baker, M. Landrigan.



7TH AND 8TH CROSS COUNTRY — KNEELING, T. Springer, D. Kirkland, Coach D. Desper, P. Huffman, M. Fink, L. Williams; FRONT, D. Chamberlain, K. Jellison; BACK, G. Grose, T. Underwood, C. Roth, L. Raber, K. Kelley.



Walter Brown makes a pin to take city in his weight class.



Gary Baker clasps a victory on his way to placing second in the city.

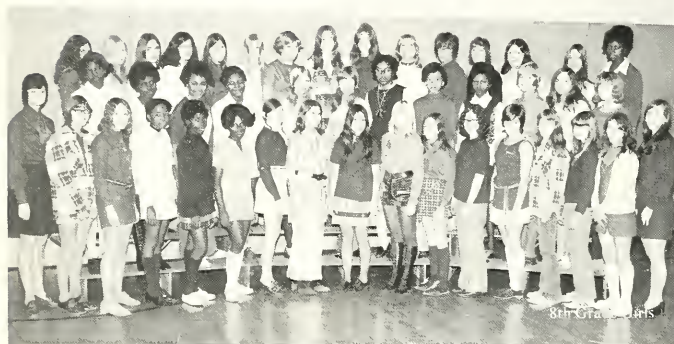


WRESTLING TEAM - FRONT, T. Smith, G. Baker, R. Hill, J. Hayden, J. Chase, C. Simmerman, D. Cutigni, Coach D. Schaffer; MIDDLE, G. Huber, G. Hoover, B. Sanders, D. Rinehart, M. Felger, M. Duray, B. Cross; BACK, W. Brown, S. Sanders, M. Spears, G. Allen, T. Jenkins, V. Torrez, J. Langmeyer.

Rams in Intramurals Shape



A large percentage of Portage students participated in intramurals during the school year, getting in shape for the future. This activity was provided for boys and girls in all grades, interested in athletic fun and skills.



The ninth grade met on Tuesday and Thursday during 5B home room. The boys were sponsored by Mr. McKeeman and Mr. Denny, and the girls by Mrs. Bishop. Eighth graders met on Monday and Tuesday, with Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Johnson advising the girls and the boys being guided by Mr. Amstutz and Mr. White.



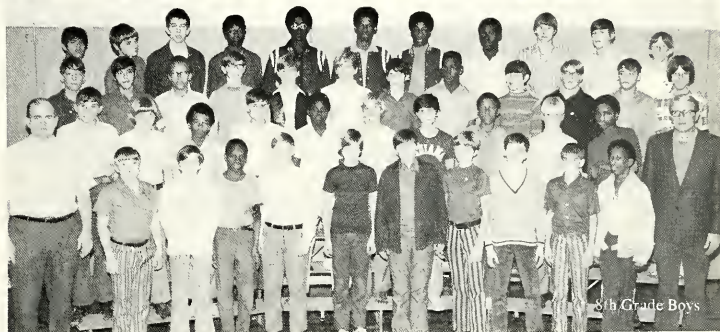
Physical Abilities

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The seventh grade boys, headed by Mr. Desper and Mr. Schaffer, held their intramurals on Monday and Wednesday during 4A homeroom, as did the girls who were led by Mrs. Egley.

Activities for the boys included round robin tournaments in flag football, basketball, volleyball, and softball. The girls participated in softball during the fall and spring meetings, and also played basketball, ran track, and performed gymnastics. Girls' intramurals teams had volleyball tournaments during the winter.



Cheerleaders Promote School Spirit

The rearrangement of the school boundaries provided Portage with unexpected benefits as it brought new talents to the Portage cheering squad.

Three new members of the varsity cheerleaders added extra pep during the pep sessions and at the varsity games. As a change this year, they helped promote spirit at the wrestling matches as well as the football and basketball games.

New eighth grade cheerleaders and an all-new seventh grade cheerleading squad has followed the example of the varsity squad by adding new spark at the games.



9TH FRONT, C. Poitras, M. Starks, S. Hackett; BACK, A. Bostic, K. Holley.



8TH: FRONT, B. Harman, M. Hunter, P. Crooms; BACK, C. Williams, K. Yarmann, B. Barber.

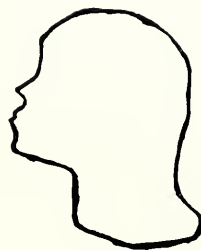


7TH: FRONT, C. Fishman, K. Heiney, C. Moore, C. Chase; BACK, K. Auer, F. Lewis, B. Litchin.



Shape of:

Students



Freshman Prepare for Future



Anita Abernathy



Jeff Allen



Steve Alles



Domingo Alvarez



Trina Anderson



Mike Arnold



Flora Attkisson



Dan Avery



Kevin Bailey



Don Baker



Gary Baker



Sandy Barclay



Delois Bates



Cindy
Baumgartner



Terry Beard



Amy Beatty



Tony Belcher



Mark Benson



Mike Birch



Mike Birt



Janet
Bollenbacher



Kathy Bollman



John Bornschein



Annette Bostic



Ben Both



Vicky Boyles



Cindy
Bradtmiller



Hannah Brooks



John Brown



Terry Brutton



Debbie Bryan

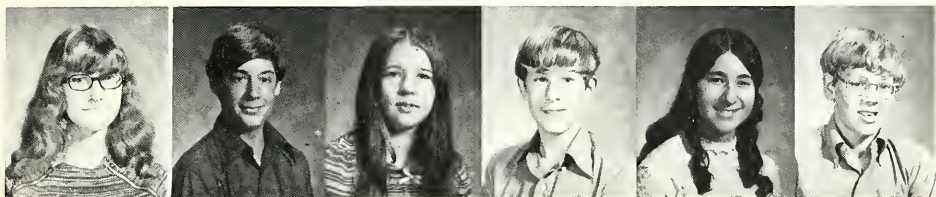
Mike Bryan

Janet Buell

Donna Bunch

David Bunker

Ronda Bunn



Sandy Burley

Brent Buschey

Cindy Campbell

Steve Campbell

Bonnie Carrion

Jed Chase



Randy Chilcote

James Clark

Mike Clark



It may be insect collecting to their teachers, but it's still a "bug hunt" to these ninth graders.



Kathy Clarke

Lucy Clemens

Lynne Clemens

John Cline

Willie Cole

Glenda Combs



Kittie Cornelius

Trudy Craig

Glen Crawford

Bob Cross

Rita Cuellar

David Cutigni



Kevin Darby



Paul Diehm



Robert Doherty



Jerome Dowdell



John Dudley



Mark Duffy



Phillip Duffy



Christine DuMato



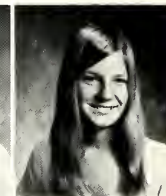
Mike Duray



Betty Edsall



David Edsall



Sandra Elkins



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Susie Fey



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Rhonda Fink



Ilene
Frankenstein



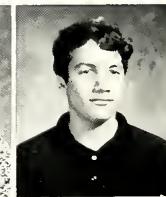
Beverly Free



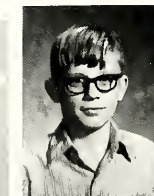
Tim Freeman



Alice Fuller



Brian Fuller



Tom Gaham



Adela Galvan



Eric Gebhard

Nancy Raney advocates a female point of view in her campaign for student council presidency.



Angela Gensic



Don Georgi



Brenda Ginder



Brenda Goldsby



Manuel Gomez



Larry Gonzalez



Eric Gordon



Gloria Gouty



Jeff Green

Bev Free expresses delight at the sight of the weird-looking creatures that Cindy Baumgartner is observing under the microscope.



Roger Green



Greg Gronau



Ben Grose



Glenn Gross



Sue Hackett



Avonn Harris



Michelle Harris



Carla Harriss



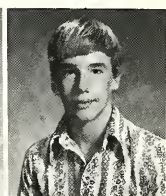
Edward Hatch



Jeff Hayden



Earthleen Hayes



Greg Hershberger



Reginald Hill



Sally Hinton



Kris Holley



Kim Holman



Sara
Noopingarner



Greg Hoover



Rita Horne



Cindy Hough



Janet Howe



Ernest Hoy



George Huber



Val Humbarger



Vicki Humbarger



Pam Hyde



Chris Ioannou



Darryl Jackson



Tina Jackson



Kim Jellison



Judy Jenkins



Ted Jenkins



Cheryl Jennings



Wendy Keim



Rachele Kellaris



Linda Kellems



Linda Kelley



Marty Kelly



Sherry Kennedy



Randy Kirkland



Maria Kish



Jim Klimkofski



Debbie Klosterman



Jay Koontz



Cynthia Krouse

Varsity cheerleaders practice yells in the corridor. Kris Holley and Sue Hackett stand with Marcia Starks kneeling. Annette Bostic behind her, and Cecilia Poitras hidden by a pompom.



Kathy Kumfer



Maureen Kunkel



Karl Lahmeyer



Steve Morgan solicits prospective voters in the Student Council campaign.



Mike Landrigan



Joe Langmeyer



Karen Lawson



Mike Lay



Debbie LeCoque



Steve LeMaster



Mike Lewis



Todd Linker



Lowell Loomis



Melanie Lorman



Jim Mabec



Pam Mabec



Bob Magdich



Maureen Magers



Dan Magnier



Doug Magnier



Linda Markey



Jim Martin



Joanna Massaria



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Robert Menefee



Mary Mettert



Holly Miller



Kathryn Miller



Kathy Miller



Linda Miller



Beth Mills



Charles Mitchell



Michelle Moore



Jean Moran



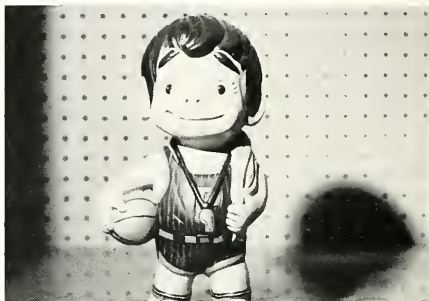
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Dennis Mudd



Kevin Mudd



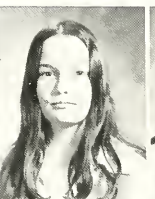
The basketball mascot in office trophy case provides a school spirit reminder for Rams.



Debbie Munson



Jan Munson



Lorrie Myers



Debbie Myhre



Marlene Nagel



Bill Neumann



Dorothea North



Marga O'Keefe



Mary Oswald



Derek Paris



Susan Parker



Audie Pepe



Olivia Perez



Toni Perry



Ed Peters



Don Pinnick



Cecilia Poitras



Patty Prader



Nancy Raney



Leslie Raymer



Mary Read



Penny Ress



June Richard



Marlene Richardson



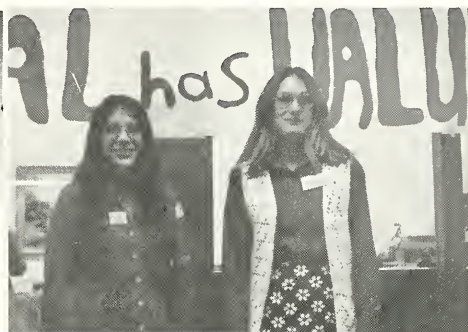
Martin Ridgley



Rick Rifkin



Dave Rinehart



Penny Ress and Val Humbarger take time out from campaign to pose for birdie.



Robert Ritchie



Rick Rivera



Ethel Robinson



Becky Rogers



Pam Ryan



Mike Ryder



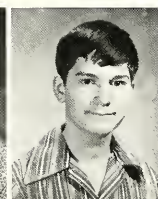
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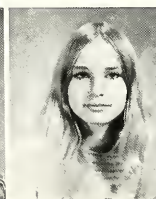
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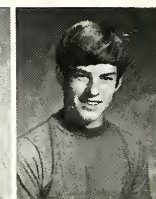
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John Seabold



Jeannette Shuler



David Silletto



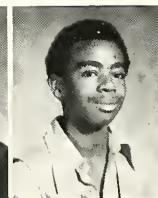
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Dave Smith



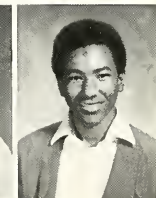
Doug Smith



Eddie Smith



Lionel Smith



Mike Smith



Randy Smith

Roger Smith

Tim Smith

Ed Peters and Gred Hershberger relax after winning the student council election.



Effie Snyder



Mark Spears



Becky Sprague



Patty Stanley



Marcia Starks



Ann Stefanski



Teddie Stefanski



Dave Stiles



Debbie Stinson



Joan Surface



Michelle Swick



Jim Theye



Vernon Torres



David Townsend



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Janie Tubbs



Terry Tracy



Sarah Underwood



Curtis Underwood



John Vasquez



Juanita Vasquez



Liz Walker



Jack Ward



Allen Washington



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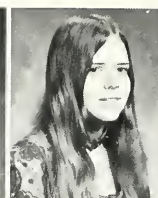
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Terry Weaver



Kathleen Weber



Vicki Wheeler



Jerry Whitlow



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Denise Williams



Donald Williams



Carol Wilson



Laura Wilson



Robert Wilson



Bob Windom



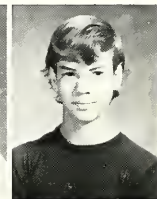
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Jerome Woods



Jack Woodruff



Rex Woodruff



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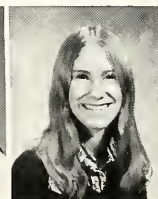
Jackie York



Kevin Young



Lydia Zabolotney



Marie Zacher



Home ec girls put together flower display for American Education Week.



Karen Zakhi



Mike Baker



Walter Brown



Doug Chandler



Jackie Fowlkes



Beronica James



Martin Hoppel



Rod McDonald



Kanda Miller



Rhonda Williams



Ninth grade students learn the basic techniques of typing.

Mr. Denny gives his undivided attention to Val Humbarger's problem as fellow students look on.



Eighth Grade Experiences

Change in Daily Routine



Kevin Adams
Maria Aguirre
Greg Allen
Dawn Alles
Jerry Amsden
Frank Anderson

Gillis Arend
Eddie Arrington
Doug Attkisson
Jantina Baade
Brenda Bachellor
Audry Baker



Betsy Barber
Connie Barnett
Ruth Bauman
Nancy Beadie
Sherry Beck
Kevin Becraft

Pam Belcher
Linda Bell
Milton Bender
Mike Benson
David Beutler
Connie Black



Robert Blough
Connie Bolinger
Lisa Boseker
William Bridges
Ida Brooks
Barbara Brown

Gail Brown
Carlotta Brown
Herman Brown
Mike Bunsold
John Bunting
Robin Bunting



Cindy Burley
Charlene Burns
Pam Burns
Barbara Byers
Irene Byrd
Janet Cady



Rick Capps
Micki Castle
Dave Chamberlain
Ted Chase
Victor Chatman
Maxine Christman

Dave Chrzan
Ronald Coe
Roberta Cohen
Mattie Cole
Shawn Collier
Steve Cook



John Crawford
Princilla Crooms
Gary Curry
Mike Darby
Barbara Darling
Jim Darling

Dale DeRoche
Scott DeWolfe
Roxanne Dixie
Kathy Dixon
Paula Doty
Brady Edwards



Norman Elkins
Nedra Elston
Martha Evans
Karl Fadus
Randy Fiedler
Mike Finken

Kathy Fletcher
Tim Fletcher
Ethel Fowlkes
Jay Fox
Putter Frebel
Susan Free





Paul Freeman
Tom French
Dayton Frey
Rick Gaddis
Kent Gaskill
Mardi Gaskins

Randy Georgi
Janet Gillie
Clint Goble
Greg Gordon
Jon Gordy
John Gouty



Anthony Green
Randy Grepke
John Gresham
Velda Groover
Louis Gropengieser
Gary Grose

Susan Gulker
Phil Gutman
Bill Hamilton
Barbara Harman
Arthur Hartsough
Penny Hartsough



Pat Harvey
Cheryl Hatfield
Debbie Hatton
Jeff Heller
Bob Herendeen
Dan Hermes

Mark Herschberger
Mitzi Hicks
Tina Hinton
Mike Hitchcock
Barry Hodson
Anthony Hofmann



Vikki Holman
Joyce Hough
Jamie Hoy
Katherine Hulse
Mike Hunt
Melissa Hunter

Lance Huttzell
Sheila Jeffrey
Kevin Jellison
Charles Jenkins
Claudia Johnson
Mike Johnson



Denny Kirkland
Diana Knox
Rhonda Koontz
Cindi Kratzert
Rebecca Krieg
Melita Krieger



Bryan Jones
Michelle Jordan
Sheila Kehrt
Donald Kelly
Colleen Kelly
Debbie Kinzie



Dan Landrigan
Kathleen Langston
Philip Langston
Stan Leeper
Mary Lefever
Gay Lester



Dirk Kusak
Larry Lacy
Allen Lahrman
David Lake
Lisa Lambert
Lisa Landess



Pat Lytal
Mike McCoy
Lorena Mabe
Gary Mann
Katy Marciniak
Kim Markey



Genethia Lewis
Rick Lewis
Beth Linker
Kent Litchin
Malinda Loomis
Diane Lupke





Michele Martin
Raphael Martin
Steve Martin
William Mazelin
Jay Merz
Louie Mespell

Linda Mettert
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Coleen Miller
Kathy Mills
Kerry Mills



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Susan Morningstar



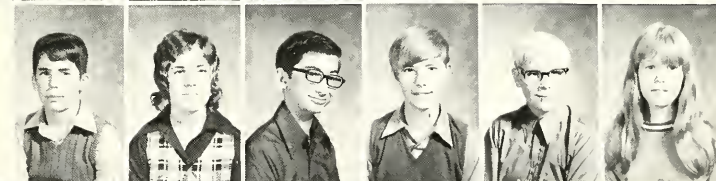
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Andy Norton
Piney Norton
Leslie Novitsky
Mark Nuttle
Greg Parrish
Tammy Parrish



Juanita Pepe
Lenora Perez
Shirley Perrine
Cardell Perry
Jacques Perry
Kathy Petgen



Barbara Petre
Cindy Pettibone
Sheryl Phelps
Iris Prine
Carol Quickery
Larry Raber



Russell Ramsey
Janet Rediger
Debbie Redman
Jim Reichard
Martha Renner
Karen Richard

Dave Richey
Barbara Ridenour
Loretta Robertson
Wayne Rodebaugh
Albert Roe
Danny Rogers



Curtis Roth
Katie Royle
Mary Rush
Greg Ryder
Nathan Sanders
Dave Saylor

Glenna Shepherd
Greg Shepherd
Geoffrey Sills
Lonna Slatton
David Smallback
Susan Smith



Terry Smith
Linda Smyser
Carol Sowles
Norman Spice
Kathy Spillers
Janene Springer

Charles Springer
Carrie Stackhouse
Carole Stanley
Jeff Starnes
Jan Stefanski
Rick Steinhauer





Greg Stephens
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Mark Stewart
Sarah Stewart
Frank Stiles
Linda Suter

Paul Sweazey
Debbie Temple
Dave Toam
Christy Todoran
Jan Tolliver
Sandra Tompkins



Rose Marie Townsend
Eric Tun
Verna Turflinger
Patty Tyson
Titus Underwood
Kathy Vachon

Lonnie VanDyne
Selma Vaughn
Robert Vranjes
Raymond Walker
Sharon Walker
Michael Ward



Theldon Warner
Jackie Washington
Beth Wasson
Anne Watters
Robin Watters
Rose Weber

Diane Whipp
LeeAnn Whitacre
Carol Whitson
Clara Williams
Johnny Williams
Ronny Wilson



Tammy Wilson
Ricky Wilson
Jeff Wittibslager
Bonnie Wolfe
Candy Wood
Sandy Wood

Jay Woods
John Wright
Kim Yarman
Marilyn York
Donald Yount
Karen Bennett



Michael Bishop
Mike Horstmeyer
Steven Manning
Mark McCombs
Yvette Morrill
Kathy Parker

Joe Parra
Levon Williams
Cynthia Woods



Baby Rams Learn New Classroom Techniques



Kathy Allen
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Amos Belcher
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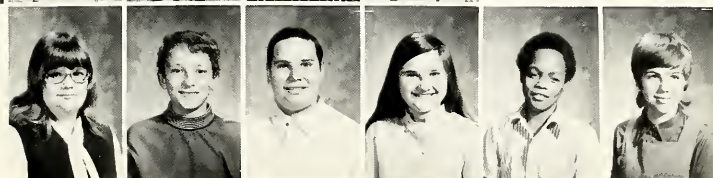
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Dorothy Brown



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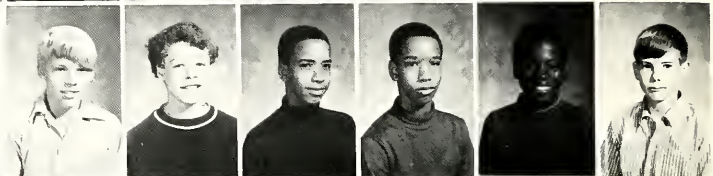


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Ron Crismore
Tom Cross
Don Culpepper
Ron Culpepper
Marvin Curry
Bob Curtis



Debbie Deaton
Helen DeRose
Pam Doherty
James Dowdell
Janet Dowling
Mike Duguid

Steve Duray
Mark Dwight
Dawn Ebbit
Mike Engle
Ann English
Delia Evans



Ray Fahlsing
Margo Filley
Moman Fink
Carol Fishman
Evelyn Fowlkes
Tonya Frewer

Everett Frye
Bruce Fuller
Jesse Galvan
Ken Geiselman
Jack Gensie
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Jim Patterson
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Tammy Peconge
Doug Pelz
Sharon Perrine



Doug Peters
John Petrie
Brenda Petre
Rick Ramer
Randy Ramsey
Dennis Raney

Debbie Renner
Angela Rhodus
Stan Rice
Denise Richard
David Robinson
Pete Rodey



John Rothgeb
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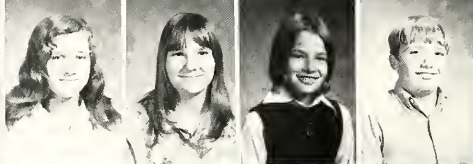


Doug Shroyer
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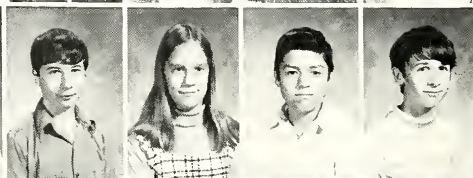


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Jacqueline Stewart
Pam Stewart
Ed Strack
Danny Straud



Charles Strawbridge
Vivian Stroub
Yvone Swagin
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Pam Swick
Kevin Swihart

Debbie Szink
Teresa Tatum
Mary Temple
Bambi Templeton
Curtis Thompson
Douglas Thornton



Lenora Tinker
Bob Tolliver
Matt Tyler
Sheryl VanZile
Gilbert Vasquez
Steve Vaughn

Vance Veale
Robert Wagner
Stella Walker
John Louis Walls
Sandra Ward
Willie Washington



Billy Weaver
Ron Weber
Danny Weeks
Alan Westerman
Mike Whitlow
Bob Wilkerson

Ralonda Williams
Arthur Wilson
Dawn Wilson
Sandy Winebrenner
Stephanie Wolever
Tim Wolfe



Tom Wolfe
Vickie Worman
Patty Wright
Rick Wright
Robin Wright
Marc Yeiter



Catherine Young
Charles Brown
Cathy Chase
Martha Conrad
Victor Frank
Richard Gomez



Seventh grade cheerleaders do their thing at a basketball pep session.



Baby Rams leave the gymnasium after watching a Portarama sales convocation.



Rams rally to support varsity football team at the Jamboree.



Parents visit classrooms during the annual Back-to-School Night:

And So the Future Begins:



As this 1971-72 school year comes to a close, all of us wonder what the next year will bring. We on the Portarama staff hope that with it will come peace and contentment for all Portage students.

In this yearbook we have captured some of the more pleasurable memories of the school year in an attempt to instill in our readers the satisfaction that comes when peace and contentment are attained.

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With this yearbook we preserve the best of the past in order to make the best of the future.

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